

# Welcome and Let's Connect!



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**G**reetings and salutations! I would like to start with a warm welcome back to new and returning members; we have an exciting year planned for the statewide collegiate membership.

My name is Daria Barteldt and I am the Collegiate-NYSSMA/NAfME-Collegiate President for the 2020-2021 year. I attend the Aaron Copland School of Music at CUNY Queens College. Since third grade, my instrument of choice has been the cello, and I have been studying my instrument for 15 years. As an instrumental music education major, I have grown to love the practice and teachings of vocal music education as well. In addition to my studies at CUNY-Queens College, I am also a private music teacher at the New York Musician's Center.

As we begin the 2020-2021 school year, I want to introduce our state Collegiate Executive Board: President-Elect, Chris McAfee; Secretary and Treasurer, Emma Clive; Web Editor, Morgan Beaton; Province Representatives: Julia Turner, Madi Yung, Halie Carden, Julia Stowell, Joseph Benedict, and Kieran DeMaria. Please check out our state collegiate NYSSMA® website to learn more about your state leadership, as well as how to reach out to them.

## Stay in touch

The collegiate website at [nyssma.org](http://nyssma.org) will be a great way for you to become aware of any changes or updates regarding collegiate activities across the state. If you have not done so already, please make your way to the NYSSMA® website and check out our Collegiate-NYSSMA® tab! Here you can find out more about the current officers, chapter information from around the state, important

documents, and collegiate updates to keep you informed on what we are working on for you throughout the year. Under the Important Documents tab, you will find the newly revised Collegiate Constitution and some handbooks that might guide your work within your chapter.

If you are not following us on social media, please do! This is the best way to stay updated with everything for this upcoming year. Our Instagram is @collegiatenyssma and you can find us on Facebook at Collegiate-NYSSMA®. We have also created a Facebook group specifically for the NYSSMA® Chapter Leadership. Here we connect with chapters swiftly and professionally for better communication. This information is also located on the NYSSMA® website under the Collegiate-NYSSMA® tab.

The Collegiate State Executive Board has been discussing major ideas that will help the membership throughout the school year. By now everyone should be aware that the winter conference has, unfortunately, been cancelled. However, the collegiate state e-board has been expressing interest in still creating and distributing awards to chapters around the state. This normally would have happened at the dinner meeting on the Friday night of the winter conference.

The collegiate state e-board will be working on this through the beginning of the school year and will provide more information as we receive it. We want to continue to show off our members and highlight positivity, inclusivity, and diversity on all platforms through this difficult time. It is our goal to get through this tough year with smiles on the faces of our members and students.

## Sharing and learning

In addition, I am honored to be working with the NYSSMA® Best Practices of Music Education Committee and assisting in collecting lessons for flipped classrooms, virtual teaching, and socially distanced ideas for classrooms in the fall. Any resource, lesson, or idea provided through the committee can be accessed by any member, including collegiate members. The information can be found on the NYSSMA® website under Best Practices Committee. I encourage you to check out the vast collection of resources put together by this incredibly hard-working committee.

If you have interest in sharing any of your experiences throughout teaching, please reach out to me. It will be featured here in the *School Music NEWS*. One of the most beautiful aspects of the music education community is that we are always looking to learn. What better way to learn than through sharing each other's experiences? Let us continue to show gratitude and respect for every member who wishes to share their experiences.

I encourage you to reach out to me and the rest of the collegiate State Executive Board to introduce yourself. You can find our information on the NYSSMA® website and our social media! Please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can do for you or your chapter. I may be the Collegiate State President, but together we are one voice; please communicate any questions, comments, or concerns that I might be able to assist you with. ||